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When Charles Cleveland, one of the founders of the City Missionary Society, put the loaf of bread into this poor girl's basket, little did he realize the directions his Society would take in the next hundred years or more. Begun as "The Boston Society for the Moral and Religious Instruction of the Poor", the City Missionary Society has since evolved into the far-reaching social service arm of the United Church of Christ in Greater Boston. Through well established programs of voluntarism, social service, Christian Education, summer camping and in a new program on housing and education, the Society is making a dramatic contribution to the growth and well-being of the "New Boston".

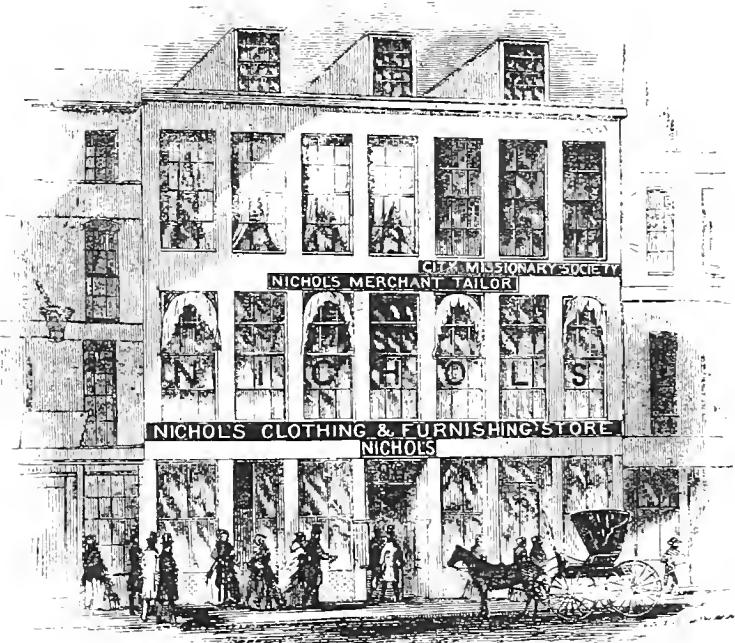
*"150 Years of Concern for Others"*

## A REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1966

In the final chapter of "A Light to the City" Dr. J. Leslie Dunstan writes:

"The City Missionary Society has completed one hundred and fifty years of service to its community. The story began with a group of men who were moved by the dynamics of their faith to bring it to those of their contemporaries who were denied its blessings by ignorance and poverty. Their beliefs about their responsibilities for others led them to clothe that faith in activities defined by the needs they discovered. The purpose of the Society was clear, and the means used for gaining that purpose were relevant to the conditions existing at the time".

In a later paragraph the author writes of the many changes in today's Boston, and what these changes mean to institutions and organizations — to churches, and to the City Missionary Society. Then he says, "The problem the Society faces is that of discovering the tasks which peculiarly and properly are its own".



*Early office of the Society  
96 Washington Street — third floor, right*

Quite so. This report is a brief record of ways in which the City Missionary Society, aided by churches, trust funds and many individuals in Metropolitan Boston, has sought in 1966 to be "A Light to the City", performing a unique ministry among many forgotten families, and seeking new ways to serve.

## *Social Services*

Social Services have always constituted the major emphasis of the Society in its efforts to aid the underprivileged. Our eleven social workers have worked closely this year with more than 500 families — families referred to us by clergymen, social agencies, hospitals, and others.

Although seven of our missionary social workers are attached to Congregational churches the ecumenical nature of our services is illustrated by these statistics on the 506 families listed with us in October: 140 families (28%) had membership in UCC churches; 82 families had a peripheral relationship to UCC churches; 27 were Roman Catholic; the others had other church connections, or none. 48% of the families served were Caucasian; 48.3% were Negro. The others were Oriental, or mixed.

The scope of CMS social services is indicated by the fact that, in addition to doing some case work, one staff member in Roxbury is assistant director of the Blue Hill Christian Center; another Roxbury based worker succeeded in forming a community organization which is now functioning well without outside aid and is having a wholesome effect on the morale of the community. Very significant services were also given by twenty-six volunteer Case Aides who worked under professional supervision with clients referred to us by the Boston Redevelopment Authority. A BRA brochure mentions their work in this way: "The City Missionary Society set up a volunteer program to help relocate families in need of intensive personal support. Volunteer case aides, under supervision of a professional social worker, were assigned to visit one or two families on a regular basis. These volunteers were able to offer en-



couragement and hope to severely troubled families and to help with housekeeping, budgeting, family relations and child care. The fact that the volunteers were warmly concerned and could be depended upon to visit regularly, precipitated real progress on the part of the families in the program."



## *Christian Education*

This department has been cooperating with the Committee on Christian Education of the Metropolitan Boston Association in the development of leadership training programs for church schools. In addition to this the Committee has expanded several creative efforts begun several years ago. One of these, "Seminars on Wheels", has led to the involvement of many suburbanites in projects affecting life in the inner city. The Seminars have taken hundreds of churchmen on well organized tours of changing parts of the city. More recently some of the Seminars have taken the form of "Come, Spend a Day in \_\_\_\_", and have resulted in new understanding of mutual needs, as inner city and suburban dwellers have shared their homes and engaged in meaningful dialog.

This Committee also has responsibility for a burgeoning program of "Friendly Town". Last summer 284 children from housing projects and tenements spent two weeks or more with 227 host families in 58 communities in four states. Here is the way one mother reacted to her son's experience in a Friendly Town: "Before D\_\_\_\_\_ went to Friendly Town he was mean to all white children. He seems to hate for no reason at all. Mr. and Mrs. B. was so nice to him until it made a great change in him. Where there is hate now there is love. He knows now you are to love everybody."

Friendly Town hosts also were enthusiastic about the program. This note from one of them tells the story: "It is virtually impossible to say in a few words how meaningful the reciprocal involvement of Friendly Town is, but then, who can adequately express the feelings that arise when



people share themselves with one another? That the experience has been important to us probably goes without saying, since we are looking forward to future summers as Friendly Town parents."



## *Camping*

Camps Andover-Waldron served 378 boys and girls for a total of 1062 camper weeks at the Society's beautiful campsite on Lake Winnisquam in New Hampshire. This was "Dick" Chamberlain's sixth and last summer as director of the camps. Of his work the chairman of the Camp Committee writes: "One of his strongest assets was his ability to attract and to hold a high quality of college-age and post-graduate students as counselors and leaders". Mr. Chamberlain is now Director of Camping for the New York Children's Aid Society.

The physical equipment at Andover-Waldron was greatly improved last summer, thanks to the assistance of the Charles W. Hayden Foundation and the Godfrey M. Hyams Fund, each of which contributed \$10,000 for property improvements. Major changes included three new washhouses, the regrading and reseeding of the Waldron ballfield and the Girl's Green, extensive improvements at Swain Farm house, and on the Andover beach, and new electric lines to serve most of the camp buildings.



At Camp Rosemary, on the property of Farrington Memorial in Lincoln, 34 parents and 112 children enjoyed twelve-day vacations away from crowded inner city communities. Their happy faces in the accompanying photos testify to the value of this experience. Also at Farrington 41 senior ladies from city rest homes and tenements enjoyed fellowship with one another, and the refreshment of the country atmosphere in Camp Meadowcrest.



It is refreshing to hear from counselors in these programs who say "I made up my mind to be a social worker when I worked at Andover Camp"; or "I'm joining VISTA this year because of what I learned when I was a counselor at Rosemary".





## *Voluntarism*

Statistics tell only part of the story of services rendered by hundreds of volunteers recruited by CMS for a host of jobs. Much of human interest can be seen, however, when one considers the encouragement given to scores of lonely persons in prisons, nursing homes, and hospitals who are visited by CMS volunteers; or the new desire to stay in school on the part of a boy or girl who is being tutored by a volunteer; or the new look of a house, a playground, or an alley where youthful volunteers from suburban towns have worked with local residents in painting or other manual labor; or the joy felt by a frustrated inner city mother when she discovers that a "case aide" who seeks to assist her is not a paid social worker, but a "friend" who "really cares"!

But here is a summary of 1966 statistics:

## *Voluntarism Statistics: 1965-1966*

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Auction Aides   | 153          |
| Bible Study leaders                                     | 8            |
| Christmas helpers<br>(includes 132 churches)            | 170          |
| Clerical aides  | 79           |
| Case Aides and visitors                                 | 43           |
| Groups providing material aid:<br>food, money, clothing | 214          |
| Sorters of food and clothing at Farrington              | 177          |
| Social services, varied                                 | 110          |
| Funmobile leaders                                       | 74           |
| Persons in work projects                                | 311          |
| Transportation aides                                    | 226          |
| Teachers, Christian Education                           | 17           |
| Tutorial workers  | 13           |
| Others  | 14           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>1,609</b> |



## *Housing and Education*

This is an entirely new program. The Commissions on Housing and Education of the Metropolitan Boston Association, supported by funds that are provided almost entirely by United Church of Christ agencies, have added a new dimension to the program of the CMS this year. These Commissions represent a three-year joint project of the MBA and the CMS to help the churches of our constituency in Metropolitan Boston assume a large responsibility to secure better housing for disadvantaged people, and to work for quality education for all people. The director of this department, The Reverend Edward B. Blackman, began his work late in March.

## *Public Relations and Fund Raising*

More than two years ago the CMS appointed a Sesquicentennial Committee and expressed the intention of planning a fund raising campaign in its 150th year. At that time the Society's officers were invited to join the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ in a projected Conference ADVANCE program. Plans for a separate CMS fund drive were, accordingly, not developed. It was anticipated that ADVANCE would be launched this year, but an actual date for such a campaign has not yet been established. CMS has been assured that it will share in it.

In our Sesquicentennial year Newsome & Company, Inc., Boston-based public relations consultants, has been engaged to aid the Society in promotional work during 1966 and 1967. Many articles about the work of the Society have appeared in Metropolitan Boston newspapers, and TV and radio programs have featured CMS stories. Newsome & Company, Inc. also gave substantial aid in developing plans for an anniversary dinner which was held on

October 6 at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. On that occasion Mr. Edward J. Logue, development administrator for the Boston Redevelopment Authority, addressed a large assembly on the theme "The Responsibility of the Church in the Urban Renewal Process".

Newsome & Company, Inc. is presently engaged in aiding the Society in the promotion of a Birthday Anniversary Fund. Efforts are being put forth to secure additional gifts of \$150,000 this year. This money is greatly needed to enable the Society to continue and to expand its services in areas of special need in Metropolitan Boston.

City Missionary Society is now at the beginning of its 151st year. In the past it ably demonstrated an active Christian concern for the alleviation of human need. Its founders were concerned for the physical, as well as the spiritual needs of the poor. While the Society's services have always been carried on through local Congregational Churches, it has been closely associated through the years with other social agencies in efforts to assist disadvantaged people, regardless of their religion or race.

Church related programs of social service continue to be needed, even when there is a proliferation of agencies supported by public funds. For, to quote Phillippe Maury, "Is it not the task of the church especially in the welfare state to serve the many who are just outside the normal categories, the outcasts of their age? And even when the material needs have been satisfied how much misery remains which no one else can alleviate?"

What of the years ahead? City Missionary Society will continue to be "an instrumentality for service" of the United Church of Christ, reaching out in old ways, and in new ones, to aid people in their search for a more abundant life. It looks to churches and to people of good will for support in the performance of a ministry of compassion.



# Summary of Financial Transactions For the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 1966

## *Cash Received*

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Income from pooled investments  | \$ 63,934.37               |
| Contributions from:   |                            |
| Churches, for all purposes  | 51,568.61                  |
| Individuals, for all purposes   | 22,488.62                  |
| Program for Public Education and Housing  | 10,968.33                  |
| Trusts and Foundations, designated for use in social services, improvements in camp property, and for camperships | 32,247.00                  |
| Campers' fees, tuitions, insurance, etc.  | 35,752.00                  |
| Legacies received:  |                            |
| General, unrestricted   | \$200,765.88               |
| Fresh Air, restricted   | 32,609.44                  |
| Total cash received   | \$450,334.25               |
| Cash balance at beginning of year   | 3,202.90                   |
| Appropriations from "unrestricted" invested funds   | 59,142.64                  |
| Total   | <u><u>\$512,679.79</u></u> |

## *Disbursements*

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Salaries and Allowances (except camping program)  | \$115,111.31               |
| General expenses: rent, telephone, audit, postage, stationery, publicity, social security taxes, interest, 150th Anniversary expenses, etc. | 52,166.08                  |
| Camps Andover-Waldron   | 77,857.64*                 |
| Camps Rosemary and Meadowcrest  | 9,736.52                   |
| Material relief for emergency needs   | <u>16,073.55</u>           |
| Legacies transferred to invested funds  | \$270,945.10               |
| Surplus (relief) transferred to unrestricted funds  | 233,375.32                 |
| Income transferred to principal (restricted funds)  | \$504,320.42               |
| Cash balance at October 31, 1966  | 1,057.30                   |
| Total   | 15.53                      |
|   | \$505,393.25               |
|   | 7,286.54                   |
|   | <u><u>\$512,679.79</u></u> |

\*This amount includes \$20,277.95 for camp improvement.

Mr. William E. Jones, City Missionary Society, Boston, Massachusetts

## *Auditor's Certificate*

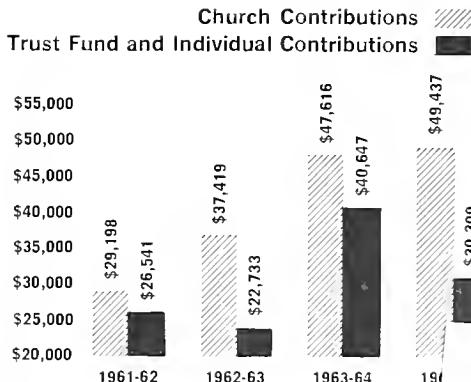
I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the City Missionary Society for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1966, and, in my opinion, the accompanying statements set forth the financial condition of

the Society at October 31, 1966, and the receipts and disbursements for the year then ended, so far as I was able to determine from the books of account.

Boston, Massachusetts December 12, 1966

Arthur F. Wilband,  
Public Accountant

## *In Appreciation*

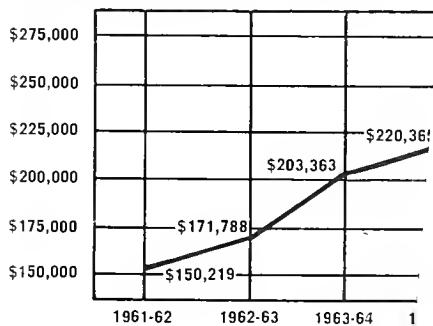


The City Missionary Society has been the recipient of financial support in 1965-66 from 155 churches, 871 individuals, several charitable trust funds and a number of bequests. Many individuals and groups also aided the CMS program through the donation of food, clothing and Christmas gifts which were distributed to needy families in Greater Boston.

The Society carries on an extensive program. More needs to be done, however, and additional are badly needed — not only to maintain programs, but to meet the new challenges of a changing era. Last year's expenditures of contributions and earned income by \$59,144 for the new year is \$302,389.

We look to our supporters with thanks.

Expenses, also, continue to increase



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